

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

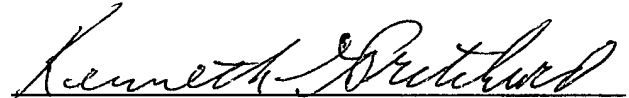
Applicant submits the above amendments to place all remaining Claims 3-18 in allowable form.

Claim 3 has been amended to be an independent claim with all elements of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 2. Claim 4 now depends on Claim 3. Claims 5 through 18 are not amended as they depend on Claims 3 or higher as currently offered.

A favorable ruling at the earliest opportunity of the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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